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MEMORANDUM FOR FIPS Points of Contact

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Subject: Prepublication Announcement for FIPS PUB 44, COBOL Coding Form

Within the next few weeks, a new FIPS which provides a standard COBOL Coding Form (SF-268) will be published as FIPS PUB 44. In addition to the standard form, this publication also provides an explanation of its use and physical specifications. Standard form 268 is based upon a review and analysis of numerous COBOL coding forms being used throughout the Federal Government. Its development was accomplished through the cooperative efforts of FIPS Task Group 9 (COBOL) under the auspices of NBS and the Interagency Reports and Standards Forms Division of the National Archives.

This standard conforms to the provisions of Federal Standard COBOL (FIPS 21-1). It is anticipated that significant economic benefits will be realized by Federal departments and agencies as a result of the availability of this standard form for government-wide use.

It is imperative that your requisition for copies of FIPS PUB 44 be submitted to GPO by no later than September 1, 1976 in order for your organization to take advantage of the "rider requisition" price and receive copies directly from GPO as soon as they are printed. Your printing and binding requisition (GPO Standard Form No. 1) should be processed immediately. The title, SD Catalog Number, approximate cost, and Commerce Requisition Number should be listed as follows:

FIPS PUB 44 (C13.52:44) COBOL CODING FORM. Approximate cost 15 cents a copy, Commerce Requisition Number 1586.

Standard Form 268, COBOL Coding Form will be available as a GSA Federal Supply Stock Item, NSN-7540-01-020-2761 on or about October 1. These will be issued in units of 50 forms to a pad (50 cents a pad). To assure early availability of this form for the use of your programmers, orders for your requirements should be placed immediately through normal GSA supply distribution facilities.

For additional information regarding this publication, you may contact Mrs. Hazel E. McEwen of the NBS Office of ADP Standards Management, Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology

